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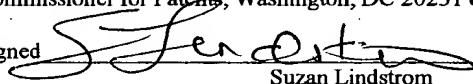
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is submitted to amend the present application prior to examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 06-1300 (Order No. A-57004-3/RFT/JJD).

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, amend the priority: after "9/23/96" insert --, now issued as patent no. 5,770,719;--.

Page 10, line 30, after "3" insert ----.

Page 13, line 11, delete "mcobacteria" and insert --mycobacteria--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 1 and add the following new claims: